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SUBJECT: TURKISH SENATOR INAN DISCUSSES GREEK, TURKISH, US,
RELATIONS

1. SENATOR KAMRAN INAN (JP-BITLIS), CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE GAVE PUBLIC ADDRESS ON "FOREIGN POLICY AND
TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS" IN IZMIR MAY 7 AT INVITATION OF IZMIR
JP PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION. JP GROUP FROM MANISA PROVINCE WAS
SUFFICIENTLY ENTHUSED THAT IT PREVAILED ON INAN TO GIVE SIMILAR
SPEECH FOLLOWING DAY.

2. INAN REPORTEDLY PORTRAYED GREECE AS WAGING A "TERRIFYING

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ARMS RACE" AGAINST TURKEY. HE REFERRED TO RECENT DELIVERY (FROM
U.S.) OF A-7 AIRCRAFT, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS CAPABLE OF FLYING
FROM ATHENS TO VAN (TURKEY) AND OF FIVE TIMES THE STRIKING POWER
OF A PHANTOM. ALL GREEKS "FROM AGES 7 TO 70 ARE ENEMIES OF
TURKEY; THEY ALL HAVE THEIR EYES ON TURKEY." AS EXAMPLE, HE
CITED A "WOMAN PUBLISHER IN ENGLAND OF GREEK ORIGINS" WHO
ALLEGEDLY SUGGESTED THAT THE TURKS SHOULD BE "WIPE FROM THE
MAP." GREEKS SPENDING \$144 PER CAPITA ON DEFENSE, WHILE TURKEY
ONLY SPENDING \$50.

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3. INAN STRESSED ALL-OUT NATURE OF GREEK PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN

UNDERWAY IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, NOTABLY U.S., PRESENTING TURKEY AS INVADER OF CYPRUS AND PREPARING TO ATTACK GREECE. TURKISH NATION MUST MOUNT "EFFICIENT PROPAGANDA" PROGRAM-- UNIVERSITIES AND PRIVATE SECTOR MUST ESTABLISH DIALOGUE WITH FOREIGN PRESS TO EXPLAIN TURKISH "JUST CAUSE", WHILE THERE STILL TIME TO SALVAGE TURKISH-U.S. DCA. TURKEY MUST ALSO PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON HER NATIONAL DEFENSE THAN EVER BEFORE. IN WHAT APPEARED AMOUNT TO CRITICISM OF NATIONAL FRONT GOVT., INAN REPORTEDLY ADVOCATED "NEW DYNAMISM IN ALL OUR FOREIGN ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES;" HE COMPLAINED THAT TURKEY WITHOUT AMBASSADORS

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IN THIRTEEN CAPITOLS.

4. ACCORDING INAN, GREECE DOING ITS UTMOST TO PREVENT CONGRESS-
INAL APPROVAL OF TURKISH-U.S. DCA, WHILE GREEK-U.S. AGREEMENT ON
ITS WAY TO PASSAGE. HE NOTED GREECE CONTINUED RECEIVE U.S.
DEFENSE ASSISTANCE WHILE TURKEY SUBJECTED TO EMBARGO AND
SUGGESTED THAT U.S. "SPOILED" GREECE BY IGNORING GREEK ILLEGAL
FORTIFICATION OF DODECANESE ISLANDS. IN WHAT APPEARED BE
CRITICISM OF U.S., HE OBSERVED U.S. PLAYING "GAME OF MULTI-
LATERAL" FOREIGN POLICY (I.E. NOT GIVING PROPER WEIGHT TO ITS
ALLIES).

5. SENATOR INAN SAID U.S. AND USSR WITHOUT RIVALS AT LEAST
UNTIL YEAR 2000 AND US WHILE IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH SOVIET
UNION "FLIRTING" WITH CHINA. U.S. TECHNOLOGY SO POWERFUL THAT
NO COUNTRY COULD COMPETE WITH HER, BUT WHILE "WORLD POWERS"
SPEAK OF DETENTE, IN FACT THEY (U.S. AND USSR) ENGAGED IN
TERRIFYING ARMS RACE. IT BEHOVED TURKEY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
TO ACHIEVE (DOMESTIC) UNITY, HEALTHY ECONOMY AND STRONG ARMED
FORCES.

6. COMMENT: WHILE JP'S TAKING FOREIGN POLICY TO THE VOTERS
PERHAPS CONSTRUCTIVE STEP TOWARD RAISING LEVELS OF PUBLIC

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AWARENESS AND POPULAR POLITICAL MATURITY -- AND PERHAPS
NECESSARY POLITICAL COUNTER TO RPP EFFORTS DISCREDIT NATIONAL
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FRONT FOREIGN POLICY, EFFECT OF SUCH CHARACTERIZATIONS OF
GREEK INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITY IS INFLAMMATORY AND INCREASES
DIFFICULTY OF ACHIEVING SOME KIND OF ACCOMODATION WITH GREECE.
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